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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of: L. SHAPIRO

Application No.: 09/518,081

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: Kathleen Kerr

For:

METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR

Attorney Docket No. 330310.00200

INHIBITING APOPTOSIS USING SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS (AS AMENDED)

## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004 (Paper No. 23), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following the Amendments and Remarks below.

Also attached is a Petition for Extension of Time for three months.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims; Remarks.